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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
 Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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Re: Application of Shigeru ANDO and Yasuhiro KANEKO
 FILM AUTOLOADER AND IMAGE READING APPARATUS
 Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD., FUJI PHOTO OPTICAL CO.,
 LTD.
 Our Ref. Q66842

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including ninety-seven (97) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and seventeen (17) sheets of drawings. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	10 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	3 - 3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$740.00
TOTAL FEE							\$740.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

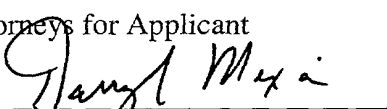
Priority is claimed from October 20, 2000, and November 21, 2000, based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-320694 and 2000-354354, respectively. The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, October 22, 2001 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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